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OF THE

Pearl Valley Association

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Mars Hill Church

October 9-11, 1909

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XT PLACE AND TIME OF MEETING

Oak Church, Neshoba County, Mississippi
miles northeast of Edinburg, 11 o'clock
a. m. on Saturday before the second
Sunday in October, 1910.

PROCEEDINGS.

Of the Twenty-fourth annual session of the Pearl Valley Association, held with Mars Hill church, Edinburg, Miss., October 9, 10, 11, 1909.

At 11 o'clock the appointee, Eld. N. T. Sikes, preached the introductory sermon, using for a text Rom. 4: 25, after which, one hour and a half was spent in refreshments.

Saturday, Oct. 9, 1909, 2 o'clock p. m. the Association was called together by singing; prayer py Elder C. C. Arnold.

The Moderator announced the Association ready for business and appointed J. T. McGee and J. W. M. Thornton for reading clerks and I. J. Blocker, R. R. Barrett and D. W. Griffin as a committee on finance.

The churches were called and the following were present: Remus, Pearl Valley, New Prospect, Mars Hill, Oak Grove, White Oak, High Hill, New Mars Hill, New Harmony, East County Line, Mineral Springs, Myers Chapel, Canaan.

Called for petitionary letters, none received.

The Association went into the election of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer for the ensuing year, which resulted in the unanimous election of E. S. Clark, Moderator and W. W. Gresham, Clerk and Treasurer.

The Pastor appointed the Pastor and Deacons of Mars Hill church as a committee on devoticnal exercise.

Corresponding messengers were called for from the sister Association. Brother J. T. Clark came forward from the Oktibbeha Association; Bros. R. T. Grafton and D. B. annon from the Mt. Pisgah; Brother R. C. Barham from

the Harmony. The Moderator gave them the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the Association.

Return corresponding messengers—Oktibbeha: J. W. M. Thornton, J. B. Jones, J. A. Tullos, W. W. Gresham; Mt. Pisgah: C. C. White, Y. M. Edwards, E. S. Clark, Z. M. Dunn, C. C. Arnold; Choctaw: J. B. Jones, J. D. Parker; Harmony: Y. M. Edwards; Kosciusko: H. G. Wilson, J. T. McGee.

Called for report on Devotional exercise and the following was read: That Elder E. S. Clark preach at 2:30 o'clock Sunday p. m.

The following committees were appointed:

Sabbath School—J W. M. Thornton, C C. White, J. C. Aiken.

Prohibition—W. W. Gresham, Bud Vowell, Bud Ayers, W. O. Curtis.

Queries and Request—R. N. Mooney, J. L. Barrett, J. Y. Wright.

Associational Mission—J. A. Riddell, J. B. Jones, R. T. Kennedy.

State Mission—C. C. Arnold, Herbert Savell, J. L. Fulton.

Home Mission—Y. M. Edwards, F. M. Goolsby, E. J. Parker.

Foreign Mission—N. T. Sikes, John Darby, J. J. Barrett.

Obituaries—E. A. Tolleson, L. V. Hobby, A. J. Pope, C. C. White.

Orphanage—I. J. Blocker, E. L. Watts, H. G. Wilson.

Publication—J. A. Tullos, S. A. Wilson, J. W. M. Thornton, Henry Alexander.

Education—J. T. McGee, L. W. Brewer, Floyd Willis, J. W. M. Thornton.

Nominations—R. N. Mooney, J. L. Barrett, John Darby.

The Association adjourned to meet Monday 8 o'clock a. m.

SUNDAY 10 O'CLOCK A. M.

Assembled in the house by singing. The report on Sabbath School was called up read and discussed by J. W. M. Thornton.

The annual sermon on mission was preached by the appointee, Elder Z. M. Dunn, using as his text Jno. 3: 7, after which the following brethren were appointed to take up collections for the following purposes:

I. J. Blocker, for Foreign Missions	$2.40
S. F. Taylor, for Home Missions	2.05
J. J. Barrett, for Associational purposes	1.66
J. W. M. Thornton, for Orphanage	4.05
J. B. Jones, for State Missions	1.50

Dismissed until 2:30 o'clock p. m. and refreshments were bountifully served.

2:30 O'CLOCK P. M.

Reassembled in the house by singing, "There is a fountain filled with blood;" prayer by Elder T. G. Ward. Elder T. J. Ward preached an able sermon using for a text 2 Cor. 4: 21. At the close of the service prayer was offered by Elder C. C. White. Dismissed by the Moderator.

MONDAY 8 O'CLOCK A. M.

The delegates were called together by singing. The Moderator read a scriptural lesson, Heb. 4 chapter, and the audience joined in singing, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross," and Elder J. W. Jones led in prayer.

The churches were called and all the delegates were

present.

By order of the Moderator the abstracts of faith and rules of decorum were read by the Clerk.

The Moderator invited visiting brethren to assist in the deliberation of the body.

Corresponding messengers, J. W. Jones, James W. Jones and J. R. Cannon from the Oktibbeha Association and W. P. and G. N. Dorrell and T. G. Ward from Harmony Association and S. B. Culpepper from Bay Springs Association presented themselves and the Moderator gave the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the Association.

The report on Queries and Request was called for. The report was read and adopted.

Queries and Request.

We, your committee on Queries and Request report as follows: We find no Queries. We recommend that the next mreting of the Association be with White Oak church, seven miles east of Edinburg, in Neshoba county.

Submitted, R. N. MOONEY, Chairman.

Associational Missions.

The report on Associational Mission was called. The report was read, discussed and adopted.

We, your committee on Associational Mission make the following report: We find one destitute point, near Hinds' Mill. We recommend that that point be supplied.

Humbly submitted,

J. B. JONES, Chairman.

The report on State Missions was called for; the report was read and discussed by C. C. Arnold and S. B. Culpepper and adopted.

State Missions.

We should heed the "Macedonian Cry;" when we see and hear of so much destitution in our beloved state. We feel grateful for the help given by our State Board and General Association, but the Boards are powerless without our help; they are only servants. We heartily endorse the management of the funds furnished them. We earnestly request pastors to preach Mission sermons and lay before the churches the destitutions in our state, and for them to take up collections quarterly and send it to the correponding secretary of the Board. "Let us lay aside the first day of the week that there may be no gathering when I come."

Humbly submitted,
C. C. Arnold, Chairman.

The Association suspended business to give S. B. Culpepper, President of Clark Memorial College, an opportunity to lay before the Association the claims of the College which he did in a masterful way.

Adjourned one hour for refreshments.

Reassembled by singing "Jesus Lover of My Soul."

Called for report on Prohibition. The report was read and discussed by S. B. Culpepper and adopted.

Prohibition.

We, your committee on Prohibition, submit the following report: We thank the God of wisdom for permitting us to live in so great a state as Mississippi, and too with a citizenship, elevated to the moral standand of State wide Prohibition. We realize that the improvement is greater than we can comprehend, but the blind tiger and moonshiner still exist to a great extent, and are doing a mighty work of injury upon the young men and many

homes of our state as well as other states. We, as Baptists cannot afford to tolerate so nefarious a crime, nor can any loyal citizen, whether he professes Christianity or not. Every registered voter is under oath to help put down crime, for he takes an oath that he will support the constitution of the United States and the State where he lives.

We recommend that all Baptists give assistance in causing the already outlawed whisky traffic.

We recommend that our churches deal with its members that persist in dram drinking as those who have denied faith, and that drunkards be excluded from our membership at the earliest opportunity.

Alcoholic drink has contributed more to crime, has furnished more inmates for the penitentiary and insane asylum, brought more heart aches to mothers, wives and friends than many of the other worst evils.

We request that our legislature, at its next session, submit to the people of the state a constitutional amendment prohibiting the sale of intoxicant drinks, and we pledge ourselves to do all in our power to see the same ratified by the voters of the ballot box.

Submitted,

W. W. GRESHAM, Chairman.

The reports on Home and Foreign Missions were called for; the reports were read and discussed by Y. M. Edwards, T. G Ward and S. B. Culpepper and adopted.

Home Missions.

We, your committee beg leave to report as follows:

Our Home Field is great. A great work is being done, so great that it is impossible to pen down the improvement that has been made, neither can we picture the great work

to be done, by the Baptists, by means of the Gospel. Every Baptist should consider himself a factor in the evangelization of our home territory and assist with his means, his prayer and in every laudible way to present Jesus to every inhabitant of the United States and its territories.

Submitted,
Y. M. EDWARDS.

Foreign Missions.

We, your committee on Foreign Mission report as follows:

"Go ye into all the world, and preach ths gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15, is the commission to the church of Christ. Then, we are world-wide missionaries. We claim to be a Missionary Baptist church. But from the reports sent in from the churches, it seems that we are much like the church at Sardis: "Thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead."

The Southern Baptists had in the Foreign fields two hundred and twenty-two missionaries. Last year they baptized two thousand one hundred and seventy four happy converts in the heathen homes. In all these mission churches there are something over sixteen thousand members in the Baptist churches on the foreign work. These foreign converts prove their faith by their works, last year by giving $32,500, more than $2 each. We Baptists of Christian America blush with shame when we give on an average of only twenty-five cents a member, and the members of this Association give only a few cents a member. In the face of the Macedonian cry, "come over and help us" comes up from eight hundred millions souls who have never heard the glad tiding of the gospel and do not know that there is a Christ that died to save.

No one can be a Missionary Baptist and not contribute to the spread of the gospel. Then all who willfully refuse to give to the cause, have they not denied the faith and should they not be dealt with as such?

N: T. SIKES, Chairman.

The report on Orphanage was called for: The report was read and discussed by I. J. Blocker and J. W. M. Thornton, and adopted.

Orphanage,

The word orphan suggest to us sadness and should appeal to us in sympathetic tones the fowls of the air are constantly observed feeding the young of their kind, when they become orphans, which forcibly reminds us of the natural love we should have for our posterity, hence the need of individuality caring for or collectively providing for the care of the orphans of the country. We have a well provided home in Jackson, Miss., that will hold; by crowding, 200 children, and now has 180.

Every Baptist of this Association should not fail to have a contribution sent the orphans home, and that all Baptists, attending the state fair should, by all means, visit the Baptist Orphanage.

Respectfully submitted,

I. J. BLOCKER, Chairman.

Called for report on Publication; the report was read and discussed by J. W. M. Tnornton and T. J. Ward and adopted.

Publication.

One said, "Let me write the songs of a nation and I will fix their destiny." A people's special reading matter is a portrayal of their character. So the Baptist people

should be very careful as to what they read, and what kind of reading matter they allow in their homes. As the newspapers of to-day are the prime educators of the people, Baptists should be very careful as to the contents. To obey the invention of bringing our children up in the way they should includes the idea that we should choose wisely the reading matter that our children reads. Any periodical that carries whisky advertisements and any other character destroying elements should not be read. We urge the importance ef reading denomination papers such as The Mississippi Baptist, Baptist Record, Baptist Standard, Home Field and Orphan's Gem, and to use Baptist convention series for Sunday School study and child training. To keep novels and general story reading matter out of the hands of the people and their religious development will be easier.

J. A. TULLOS,
S. A. WILSON.
J. W. M. THORNTON.
HENRY ALEXANDER.

The report on Education was called for; the report was read and adopted.

Education.

"Knowledge is power." Without knowledge of the work we are engaged in we fail to accomplish the maximum of good. A lawyer must be learned in the law before he can prsctice his profession: a physician must have a knowledge of anatomy, chemistry, hyigene, etc., to practice medicine, and such is the case with every profession. The ministry is not an exception to the rule.

Knowledge is power. Peter learned at the feet of our Lord, by being permitted to hear Him speak the word of

truth three years. We must learn from the written word.

The Bible is not the only Book a minister needs to study. He must have training in the use of language and in the correct interpretation of or meaning of language to understand the Bible.

We have two Baptist schools in Mississippi, one at Clinton and one at Newton. Either is competent to prepare young men for 5he work of the ministry. We heartily endorse the work of both colleges and advise our young ministers to attend one of the sehools. We also ask our Baptist people to support the schools and the students in the grand and noble work of education. God speed the day when we can give tbe minister his whole time in the gospel service.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. McGee, Chairman.

The committee on Obituaries reported and the repotr was adopted.

Obituaries.

We, your committee on Obituaries report as follows: We, the Pearl Valley Association have been visited by the scepter of death. God has seen fit in His infinite wisdom to take from us the following members: From Black Jack church, Sister Mattie Sharp and Brother J. W. Partridge; from Pearl Valley, Sister Virgie Salter and Brother James Melton; from East County Line, Sister Easter Burchfield and Mary Warren; from Canaan Ch'k church, Sister Polcay Willis.

E. A. Tolleson.
L. V. Hobby.
A. J. Pope.
C. C. White.

The report on Nominations was read and adopted.

Nominations.

We, your committee submit the following report:

That Elder J. T. McGee preach the next introductory sermon and Elder J. B. Jones be his alternate. That Elder C. C. Arnold preach the next annual sermon on missions and Elder I. J. Blocker be his alternate.

J. Y. WRIGHT, Chairman.

Report of Finance Committee.

CHURCHES	Associational funds	Associational Mission	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Orphanage	Total
Remus	$ 2 00	$	$ 1 15	$ 1 00	$ 1 00	$ 1 30	$ 6 45
Pearl Valley	2 50	50	1 00	2 50	1 00	2 50	10 00
New Prospect	2 00	50	50	50	50	1 00	5 00
Mars Hill	2 00				2 00	2 10	6 10
Mt. Pleasant	4 85						4 85
Oak Grove	3 50			2 00	2 00	2 50	10 00
White Oak	2 00		1 00	3 60	1 00	1 70	9 30
High Hill	3 00		2 00	2 00	3 25	2 00	12 25
New Black Jack	4 40						4 40
New Mars Hill	2 10						2 10
New Harmony	1 50	50	50				2 50
East County Line	2 30			2 00		30	4 60
Mineral Springs	3 00	40	50		50	1 00	5 40
Myers Chapel	1 05						1 05
Canaan Chlk	30	30	30	30	35	30	1 85
Total	$36 50	$ 2 20	$ 6 95	$13 90	$11 60	$14 70	$85 85

COLLECTED ON SUNDAY.

Foreign Missions	$2 40
State Missious	1 50
Home Missions	2 05
Orphanage	4 05
Associational Funds	1 66
Associational Funds on Monday	1 20
Total	$13 46

TOTAL ON HAND.

For Associational Funds	$39 96
For Associational Missions	2 20
For Associational Foreign Missions	16 30
For Associational State Missions	8 45
For Associational Home Missions	13 65
For Orphanage	18 75
Grand Total	$99 31

Due W. W. Gresham $2.24 from Associational funds on last year's minutes.

COLLECTED AND PAID DURING THE ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR.

Oak Grove—Missions, $20.35; Orphanage, $5.60; Miscellaneous, $31.00; total $56.95.

New Black Jack—Missions, $17.50; Orphanage, none; Miscellaneous, $17.05; total, $34.15.

Mt. Pleasant—Missions, $2.00; Orphanage, $3.50; Miscellaneous, $1.50; total, $7.00.

We have examined the Treasurer's report and find it correct.

I. J. Blocker.
D. W. Griffin.
R. R. Barrett.

Eldsrs E. S. Clark and J. T. McGee were elected as delegates to the General Association.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions were adopted:

1. Be it resolved by the Pearl Valley Association, That we endorse Clark Memorial College at Newton, Miss., and pledge it our support so far as we are able, with our means and patronage.

2. Resolved, That we condemn base and football in our denominational schools.

3. Resolved, That we tender our thanks to Mars Hill church and community for their kind and hospitable entertainment given us during our stay with them. May God's choicest blessing abide with them.

On motion the Clerk was allowed $15 for preparing the minutes and be instructed to draw on the treasury for same and also draw on treasury for money to pay for printing minutes.

The Association adjourned to meet with White Oak church on Saturday before the second Sunday in October 1910.

E. S. Clark, Moderator.

W. W. Gresham, Clerk.

Ordained Ministers.

E. S. Clark.....Plattsburg, R. F. D. 2, Miss
C. C. Arnold.....Dixon, R. F. D. 1, Miss.
J. T. McGee.....Center, R. F. D. 1, Miss.
J. A. Tullos.....Center, R. F. D. 1, Miss.
Y. M. Edwards.....Waldo, R. F. D. 1, Miss.
N. T. Sikes.....Edinburg, R. F. D. 2, Miss.
Z. M. Dunn.....Edinburg, R. F. D. 2, Miss.
J. J. Blocker.....Edinburg, R. F. D. 2, Miss.
W. W. Gresham.....Edinburg, R. F. D. 2, Miss.

Licentiates.

J. M. Fleming.....Edinburg, R. F. D. 2, Miss.
T. M. Rushing.....Edinburg, R. F. D. 2, Miss.
J. B. Jones.....Plattsburg, R. F. D. 2, Miss.
C. C. White.....Philadelphia, R. F. D. 5, Miss.

Churches and Delegates.

Remus—R. T. Kenedy, Henry Alexander.

Pearl Vallley—John Darby, J. B. Jones, Herbert Savell.

New Prospect—J. L. Fulton, E. J. Parker.

Mars Hill—R. N. Mooney, F. M. Goolsby.

Mt. Pleasant—J. A. Hollis, J. Y. Wright.

Oak Grove—S. F. Taylor, Floyd Willis.

White Oak—J. L. Barrett, R. R. Barrett.

High Hill—L. W. Brewer, C. C. Arnold.

New Black Jack—J. J. Barrett, D. W. Griffin.

New Mars Hlll—L. V. Hobby, H. J. Blount.

New Harmony—J. A. Tullos, W. O. Curtis.

East County Line—E. L. Watts, E. A. Tolleson.

Mineral Springs—S. A. Wilson, H. G. Wilson.

Myers Chapel—Bud Vowell, Bud Ayers.

Canaan Ch'k—Ed Willis, Davis Hickman.

....Memorial Page....

IN MEMORY OF

Sister Mattie Sharp.
Sister Virgie Saltar.
Sister Easter Burchfield.
Sister Mary Warren.
Sister Polcay Willis, Ch'k.
Brother J. W. Partridge.
Brother James Melton.

Our Loss is Heaven's Gain.

Abstracts of Faith---Preamble.

We, the Churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith, and convinced of the utility of a combination of churches, and of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of unity among churches of the same faith, form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, to-wit:

1. We believe in one true God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only true rules of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him all his posterity in consequence of which we inherit a fallen, a depraved nature, consequently the Scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of human nature, and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.

4. We believe that God has loved His people with an everlasting love, that he chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that he calleth them with a holy and effectual calling. And being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man—the man Christ Jesus—who, by the satisfaction He made to law and justice in becoming an offering for sin, hath by His most precious blood become the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth, that He has commanded it to be preached to every creature,

and has required all men to repent and obey.

7. We believe the Gospel is made effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and the sinner, in order to be saved must be born again.

8. We believe that good works are the fruit of faith and follow after justification and are evidences of a gracious state; and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment, that the happiness of the righteouss and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

Gospel Order.

1. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful workers who have been baptized upon a profession of their faith and who have given themselves to the Lord and one another in brotherly covenant, to keep up a godly discipline, agreeable to the teachings of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and Lawgiver of His church; that the government is with the body, the church, and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are gospel ordinances appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until His second coming.

4. We believe that the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by ministers called of Cod, and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a presbytery of regular Baptist ministers.

5. We believe that immersion only is baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regular baptized church

members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make public professions of faith, to submit to the ordinances of the Gospel, and give themselves as members to the visible church.

8. We believe it is the duty of every church to expel from her communion every member that is immoral in conduct or that holds doctrine contrary to the Scriptures.

Objects and Powers of this Association.

1. This Association acknowledges and maintains that each church is an independent body, and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs, and therefore this Association has no right or power to interfere, with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing her body; but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrines or tolorate immoral practices.

2. The object of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among churches, to inquire into any difficulties between the churches and remove them if possible, to give the churches the best advice they can in difficult matters when solicited, and in general advance the interest of the Redeemer's Kingdom in any way they may deem practicable.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions of our country, we declare it to be the inalienable right of every Association, of every church or individual member of a church, to support them according to their own views of nuty and the dictates of their own consciences. And this right shall never be called in question in this Association; and any motion whereby this right is called in question shall be instantly ruled out by the Moderator as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence, when convenient, with other religious bodies of the same faith.

5. Ministers of the Gospel in good standing, though not delegates, may be invited to seats in the Association, but not have the privilege of voting.

6. The Association may appoint any person, or persons, by and with their consent, to contract any business they may deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they think proper.

8. This Association shall keep the record of their proceedings and have them printed when necessary.

9. The Association shall have a fund and appoint a treasurer tc take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all money which shall come into his hands for the use of the Assccіation.

10. The Association may form their own by-laws and regulate their own proceedings in such a manner as they may think expedient.

Rules of Decorum.

1. This Association shall consist of delegates chosen by the churches to which the respectively belong and shall be styled the Pearl Valley Association.

2. Such delegates shall be members in good standing and no member under church censure shall be allowed a seat in the Association.

3. They shall produce letters certifying their appointment by their respective churches, stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased during the preceeding Associational year, with the total number in fellowship, and such other

statistical matter as the Association may direct.

4. This Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present by ballot or otherwise. Said officers shall fill their respective places, if present, at the succeeding Association, until a new election takes place and while in office, discharge the duties ordinarily incident to these offices.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Association they shall petition by letter and delegates If orthodox and orderly, shall be received and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6 Every church shall be allowed two delegates until her number shall exceed one hundred, three until it shall exceed one hundred and fifty, then four and no more.

7. This Association shall neither answer or debate any question on Gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the meaning of the Articles of Faith of the Association.

8. Every motion made in order and seconded shall be reduced to writing if required by a member, and shall be considered by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the minutes unless ordered at the time.

10. If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11. Only one member shall speak at the same time who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflections on the Association or any member thereof, and shall not be inturrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than once on the same subject until all who may desire to speak thereon have enjoyed that privilege, and not then without leave of the Association.

13. The Moderator shall have privilege cf speaking on any question to the body.

14. The Moderator shall decide questions or order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be decided without debate.

15 A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any proposition. In case of a tie the Moderator shall give the casting vote.

16. Committoes shall be nominoted by the Moderator subject to the approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave from the body.

19. The names of delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over when necessary.

The Minutes shall be read and carefully corrected if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rises.

21. A motion for final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustments of the Minutes.

22. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

23. The rules of order shall be distinctly read by order of the Moderator, as soon as the Association convenes on the second day.

21. The foregoing articles shall be subject to alteration or amendment at any aegular meeting of the Assooiation, by a majority of the Association.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES AND COUNTY	CLERKS	POETOFFICE	PASTORS
Remus, Leake	J. S. Clark	Edinburg, R 2	Z. M. Dunn
Mars Hill, Leake	F. M. Goolsby	Edinburg, R 2	J. T. McGee
Mt. Pleasant, Leake	J. A. Riddell, Jr	Center	S. C. Eastham
New Harmony, Attala	R. S. Ray	Center, R 1	J. A. Tullos
East County Line, Attalla	W. H. Permenter	Ethel R 3	J. C. Aiken
Mineral Springs, Attala	W. W. Norris	Rural Hill	J. C. Aiken
Pearl Valley, Neshoba	J. H. Salter	Plattsburg, R 2	P. J. Crews
New Prospect, Neshoba	J. D. Parker	Philadelphia, R 3	I. L. Story
Oak Grove, Neshoba	J. O. Thornton	Plattsburg, R 2	R. L. Breland
High Hill, Neshoba	C. C. Arnold	Dixon R 1	F. M. Breland
New Black Jack, Neshoba	F. L. Hill	Waldo R 1	W J. Bruner
New Mars Hill, Neshoba	H. J. Blount	Alice	J. J. Blocker
White Oak, Neshoba	R. R. Barrett	Edinburg, R 2	E. S. Clark
Myers Chapel, Winston	L. F. Thrasher	Vowell	J. A. Tullos
Canaan Ch'k, Neshoba	Ed Willis	Edinburg, R 2	T. S. Chitto

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Time of Meeting	Increase			decrease			No. of Males	No. of Females	Total Membership	Ordained Ministers	Licentiates	Sabbath Schools	No. of Students	SUPERINTENDENTS OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.
		By Baptism	By Letter	Restored	Dis. By Letter	By Expulsion	By Death								
Remus	2	5	3	...	3	...	...	30	57	87	...	...	...	...	...
Mars Hill	3	...	...	1	2	...	...	21	27	48	2	...	1	...	W. A. Ward
Mt. Pleassnt	1	3	2	...	3	3	...	24	29	53	1	...	...	...	...
New Harmony	3	...	...	...	4	2	...	15	20	35	1	...	...	...	...
East County Line	2	9	7	2	...	...	2	20	29	49	...	1	...	...	...
Mineral Springs	4	2	6	1	...	...	...	35	37	72	...	...	...	...	...
Pearl Valley	2	14	6	...	2	2	2	47	81	128	...	1	1	...	Henry Savell
New Prospect	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	12	26	...	...	...	...	...
Oak Grove	4	17	2	1	2	3	...	36	39	75	...	1	1	...	J. M. Fleming
High Hill	3	5	1	...	4	1	1	32	33	65	1	...	1	...	R. H. Gilmer
New Black Jack	4	8	...	...	1	3	2	...	...	88	1	1	...	...	...
New Mars Hill	1	3	3	...	...	2	...	9	18	27	...	...	...	...	...
White Oak	3	6	3	...	...	1	...	21	31	52	1	...	1	84	J. L. Barrett
Myers Chapel.	2	16	2	1	...	...	...	11	16	27	...	...	...	...	...
Canaan Ch'k	1	...	...	1	1	1	1	5	9	14	1	...	1	...	T. S. Chitto

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

PEARL VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Held With White Oak Church, Neshoba County, Miss.,

OCTOBER 8, 9, 10, 1910.

At 11 o'clock, the appointee, Elder J. T. McGee, preached the Introductory Sermon, using for a text the last part of the fifth verse of the second chapter of Ephesians, after which, an intermission of one and one-half hours was given for dinner.

Saturday, October 8, 1910, 2 o'clock, p. m., the Association called together by song and prayer.

The Moderator announced the Association ready for business, and appointed J. T. McGee and J. W. M. Thornton for reading clerks, and I. J. Blocker, R. N. Mooney and J. H. Salter as a committee on finance.

The churches were called and delegates enrolled as follows:

Remus—J. A. Whinery, M. E. Sikes.

East County Line—E. H. Watts, E. L. Watts.

Mineral Springs—S. A. Wilson, J. L. Ford.

Pearl Valley—W. H. Flemings, W. T. Smith and J. H. Salter.

Oak Grove—I. W. Barrett, J. W. M. Thornton.

County Line—J. B. Atkinson, J. M. Bassett.

High Hill—C. C. Arnold, O. R. Phillips.
Mt Pleasant—J. T. McGee, J. L. Casey.
Mars Hill—R. N. Mooney, F. M. Goolsby.
New Black Jack—T. T. Cooper, C. C. White.
New Mars Hill—L. V. Hobby, E. C. Adcock.
White Oak—James Barton, T. A. Gresham.
Myers Chapel—J. M. Black, J. A. Tullos.
Canaan Ch'k.—Ed Willis.
Called for petionary letters. None received.

The Associatien went into the election of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer for the ensuing year, which resulted in the unanimous election of E. S. Clark, Moderator, and W. W. Gresham, Clerk and Treasurer.

The Moderator appointed a committee on devotional exercise, consisting of J. C. Barrert, C. C. White, and J. M. Black.

Called for corresponding messengers. J. T. Clark and Elders J. W. and James W. Jones presented themselves from the Oktibbeha Association and the Moderator gave them the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the Association.

Return corresponding messengers:
Oktibbeha—C. C. White, E. S. Clark.
Mt. Pisgah—C. C. Arnold.
Harmony—Y. M. Edwards.
Kosciusko—J. T. McGee.
The following committees were announced:
Sabbath School—J. T. Massey, C. C. White.
Prohibition—W. W. Gresham, J. W. M. Thornton.
Queries and Requests—O. R. Phillips, L. V. Hobby, E. C. Adcock.
Associational Mission—C. C. Arnold, J. L. Cassey, J. B. Jones.

State Missions—Y. M. Edwards, J. B. Atkinson, Jas. W. Jones.

Home Missions—J. A. Tullos, E. L. Watts, J. W. Jones.

Foreign Missions—F. M. Goolsby, T. T. Cooper, N. T. Sikes.

Obituaries—M. E. Sikes, J. A. Whinery.

Orphanage—J. T. Massey, J. M. Bassett, Jas. Barton.

Publication—J. T McCee, T. A. Gresham, E. H. Watts.

Education—B. E. Phillips, T. P. Wilson, J. L. Ford.

Nominations—C. C. Arnold, J. B. Jones, L. V. Hobby.

The committee on Devotional Exercises reported that Elder J. T. Massey conduct prayer meeting Sunday at 10 o'clock, a. m., and Elder James W. Jones preach Sunday at 2:30 o'clock, p. m.

The Association was adjourned until Sunday, 10 o'clock, a. m.

Sunday, October 9, 10 o'clock, a. m.

Prayer meeting conducted by Elder J. T. Massey.

The appointee, Elder C. C. Arnold, preached the annual mission sermon, using for a text, Jno. 15:14, after which the following collections were taken: Foreign Mission $2.50, Orphanage $1.55, State Mission $1.40, Associational purposes $ .90, Home Mission $2.80.

Dismissed one and one-half hour for refreshments.

SUNDAY, 2 o'clock, p. m.

Rev. S. B. Culpepper, President of Clarke Memorial College, made an address in behalf of the College and collected $8.75.

SUNDAY, 3 o'clock, p. m.

Preaching by Elder James W. Jones, text 2 Cor. 2:21. Dismissed until Monday, 8:30 o'clock, a. m.

MONDAY, 8:30 o'clock, a. m.

The Association assembled in the house by singing, scriptural lesson by the Moderator, prayer by Elder J. A. Tullos. Elder B. E. Phillips presented himself as a corresponding messenger from the Harmony Association and the Moderator gave him the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the Association.

The Moderator announced the Association ready for business.

The roll was called and all were present.

The Secretary read the abstract of faith and rules of decorum.

The report on Prohibition was read, discussed and adopted.

PROHIBITION.

We your committee on Prohibition submit the following report:

By Prohibition we mean to exclude the sale of intoxicating liquors in a certain described territory; sometimes this is towns, counties or states. The wave of Prohibition has swept over the South until the Carolinas, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and Mississippi have banished the legal sale of whiskey from their borders. The cry of the whiskey men is that Prohibition does not prohibit. This is untrue. Prohibition does prohibit. It does the thing it was intended to do.

Mississippi has won its first great battle, putting on its books a law prohibiting the sale of whiskey, but Mississippi men and women are called to another battle, and this

battle is to be waged on the "blind tigers." In cities, towns, hamlets, and to the remotest districts, the "blind tiger" has gone and is staying, and until we rise up like men and put him from among us, he will go and debauch our young men, ruining the older ones, gathering as his ghastly toll, the flowers of the youth from every generation.

It has been said by the whiskey men that to prohibit the sale of whiskey legally in Mississippi would decrease the worth of property and increase the rate of taxation and shorten the term of our free schools. It has done neither. The value of property has increased, the term of free schools has lengthened, crime has diminished, morals have been put on a better plane, the momentum of general progress is greater, and thousands of dollars that were spent for whiskey have found their way into the treasury of God.

We recommend that each church of this Association see after their members who persist in dram drinking and withdraw from those who are in the habit of getting drunk.

As we close this report we call upon men, Christian men, to stand by our officers in the enforcement of the law.

Humbly submitted.

W. W. GRESHAM, Chairman.

The report on Sabbath Schools was read, discussed and adopted.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following:

We find four Sabbath Schools. We would like to see as many Sabbath Schools as there are churches. We believe that great good can be done in the Sabbath School work for the cause of Christ. We therefore urge that the churches give more consideration to the Sabbath School —

that they use good literature, go to work in earnest, be up and about their Master's business. The work is a good and holy work.

Submitted.

J. T. MASSEY.

The report on Queries and Requests was read, discussed and adopted by amending the report so as to meet next year with Myers Chapel.

QUERIES AND REQUESTS.

We, your committee on Queries and Requests, beg leave to report as follows:

We find no Queries, but find the following Request: High Hill, New Mars Hill, Myers Chapel, New Black Jack, Remus and East County Line, asking for the Association to meet with them next session. We recommend that the Association meet with Myers Chapel church in its next session.

O. R. PHILLIPS, Chairman.

The report on Associational Mission was read and adopted.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION.

We, your committee cn Associational Mission, make the following report:

We find no destitute place in the boundaries of our Association, but recommend, if the Executive Board finds any place that the Board thinks it advisable to put a missionary in the field, to do so.

Humbly submitted.

C. C. ARNOLD, Chairman.

Dismissed one and one-half hours for refreshments.

MONDAY, 1:30 o'clock, p. m.

Re-assembled in the house by singing.

The report on State Mission was read, discussed and adopted.

STATE MISSION.

We should heed the "Macedonian Cry." When we see and hear of so much destitution in our beloved State, we do think that we, as God's people, should help the State Board in the evangelization of our State. Let us do unto all as we would that they would do unto us; let us give as God gives unto us. It is better to give than to receive, for "God loves the cheerful giver." We do think that all missionaries should assist in that good work.

Submitted.

Y. M. EDWARDS, Chairman.

The report on Home Mission was read, discussed and adopted.

HOME MISSION.

We, your committee on Home Mission, beg leave to report as follows:

Our Home Field is great; a great work is being done, so great that it is impossible to pen down the improvements that have been made. Neither can we picture the great work to be done by the Baptists by the means of the Gospel. Every Baptist should consider himself a factor in the evangelization of our Home Territory and assist with his means, his prayers in every laudable way to present Jesus to every inhabitant of the United States and its territories.

Submitted.

J. A. TULLOS, Chairman.

The report on Foreign Mission was read, discussed and adopted.

FOREIGN MISSION.

We, your committee on Foreign Mission, report as follows:

We claim to be a Missionary Baptist church and if what we claim to be, then we are world-wide missionaries. We should make every effort to send the Gospel to every creature in the world. No one can be a Missionary Baptist and not contribute to the spread of the Gospel. We believe that there are some who do not have the privilege of hearing the Gospel, therefore it behooves us to awake to our duty. Then how can we help to get the Gospel? If we can not go ourselves, we can give a few cents to help defray the expenses of those that can go.

We find that there are one hundred and fifty-five thousand Baptists in the State of Mississippi. Therefore a few cents from each member would be but little from each of us, but when collected would be of great assistance in the Foreigh Field to those who do not have the Gospel and do not know that Christ died for them.

Submitted.

F. M. GOOLSBY, Chairman.

The report on Obituaries was read and adopted.

OBITUARIES.

We, your committee on Obituaries report as follows:

We, the Pearl Valley Association, have been visited by the sceptre of Death. God has seen fit in his infinite wisdom to take from among us the following members:

From Mineral Springs—Sister Nancy Ford.

Mt. Pleasant—Sister Mollie Stone.

New Black Jack—Sister Amanda Clark.

Canaan—Sister Anne Walking and Brother Davis Hickman.

Respectfully submitted.

M. E. SIKES, Chairman.

The report on Orphanage was read, discussed and adopted.

ORPHANAGE.

We, your committee on Orphanage, report as follows:

If there is anything that should appeal to our sympathy and charity and cause us to respond with our means for its relief, it is for the orphan children. It is the indispensible duty of every follower of Christ to aid in sustaining the helpless orphans.

The Lord prepared for them, through His people, a home at Jackson, Mississippi, where they can be cared for and schooled. And there are one hundred and ninety now in the Orphanage, and more to go when room can be provided for them. If there is any institution that we should foster, it is the Orphanage. It furnishes a home for the fatherless and motherless of our country. There they can be trained to be useful men and women.

We recommend that the Pearl Valley Association send a messenger to investigate and report to the next meeting of the Association.

J. T. MASSEY Chairman.

The report on Publications was read, discussed and adopted.

PUBLICATIONS.

The Baptists are a progressive people and as such must keep themselves informed. We are represented by well edited papers and magazines. The greatest intellect of our land belongs to our ranks and contributes to our press. Now, if we are to retain our progressive spirit, we must read more. Our people are too careless about the kind of literature they place in their homes.

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The Mississippi Baptist, published at Newton, Miss. It is a weekly paper and keeps us informed of the work of our school at Newton, and workings of the General Association. Others are the Baptist Record at Jackson, Miss., the Baptist Forum, Baptist Standard, the Foreign Mission Journal, the Home Field, Orphans' Gem, Golden Age, and the book entitled "Grace Truman," is the history and the doctrines of the Baptist church in a story form and should be read by all Baptists, as well as others.

The last, but not the least, we wish to commend to you, the faithful "Book of Books," the Bible, which is our only rule of faith and practice. Treasure it as the best and most sacred article in your homes. Keep the dust brushed from it, handle it, read it, love it, follow it. Our Savior said "Search the Scripture, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, for they are they which testify of me."

We recommend the reading of the revised version in connection with the authorized version.

Humbly submitted.

J. T. McGee, Chairman.

The report on Education was read, discussed and adopted.

EDUCATION.

"Knowledge is power." Without knowledge of the work we are engaged in we fail to accomplish the maximum of good. Education does not make a preacher, but it gives him the ability to do the work to which God has called him. Therefore the Bible is not the only book a minister needs to study. He must have training in the use of language and correct interpretation of our meaning of language to understand the Bible.

We have two Baptist schools in Mississippi; one at Clinton, the other at Newton. Either is competent to pre-

pare our ministers for their work. We heartily endorse the work of both Colleges and advise our young ministers to attend one of these schools. We also ask our Baptist people to give them all reasonable assistance in this work.

Submitted.

B. E. PHILLIPS, Chairman.

The report on Nominations was read and adopted.

NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee on Nominations, report the following:

That Elder C. C. White preach the next Introductory Sermon and Elder E. S. Clark be his alternate; and that Elder W. W. Gresham preach the next Annual Sermon on Mission and Elder J. T. McGee he his alternate.

We nominate for members of the Executive Board the following:

From White Oak—J. L. Barrett.
From County Line—J. B. Atkinson.
From Mars Hill—N. T. Sikes.
From Myers Chapel—J. M. Black.
From East County Line—E. L. Watts.
From Pearl Valley—J. B. Jones.
From New Mars Hill—A. J. Pope.
From Oak Grove—J. O. Thornton.
From High Hill—O. R. Phillips.
From Remus—J. A. Whinery.
From Mineral Springs—T. P. Wilson.
From New Black Jack—C. C. White.
From Mt. Pleasant—J. T. McGee.
From Canaan Ch'k.—Ed Willis.

The report on Finance was read and adopted.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

We, your committee on Finance, report the following:

Sent up from the churches:

CHURCHES	Associational Funds	Associational Mission	State Mission	F. Missions	Home Mission	Orphanage	Total
Remus	2 80	....	50	.....	.....	.....	3 30
Pearl Valley	5 60	....	.....	3 15	85	40	10 00
Mt. Pleasant	5 00	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Oak Grove	1 75	....	25	25	25	95	3 45
Mars Hill	2 15	.....	2 00	1 25	2 50	2 45	10 35
High Hill	2 50	....	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 85	10 35
New Black Jack	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
New Mars Hill	2 55	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 55
East County Line	4 00	....	25	1 00	1 00	.....	6 25
Mineral Springs	1 15	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	1 15
County Line	6 75	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 75
White Oak	3 00	.....	25	25	.....	50	4 00
Myers Chapel	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Canaan Chk	25	25	25	25	30	25	1 55
Total	47 50	25	5 50	8 15	6 90	6 40	74 70

Collected on Sunday for

Foreign Mission	$ 2 50
State Mission	1 40
Home Mission	2 80
Orphanage	1 55
Associational Mission	95
Total on Sunday	$ 9 20
We find on hand for Associational Mission	$ 2 20

Total on hand for

Associational Funds	47 50
Foreign Mission	10 65
State Mission	6 90
Home Mission	9 70
Associational Mission	3 40
Orphanage	7 95
Total	$86 10

We have examined the Treasurer's report and find it correct.

J. H. SALTER,
R. N. MOONEY,
I. J. BLOCKER.

On motion the Moderator was requested to appoint the chairman of such committee as he wishes, for the next meeting of the Association, and the same to be printed in the minutes

The following were appointed and are requested to have the reports prepared prior to the meeting of the Association:

Home Mission—I. J. Blocker.
State Mission—N. T. Sikes.
Foreign Mission—Y. M. Edwards.
Orphanage—J. T. Massey.
Education—J. T. McGee.
Associational Mission—J. B. Jones.
Publication—J. A. Tullos.
Prohibition—W. W. Gresham.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to have some blank Associational Letters struck to be used by the churches in reporting to the Association.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Be It Resolved by the Pearl Valley Association, That we condemn base and football in our denomination schools.

Resolved, That the Association tender thanks to the good people of White Oak church and community for their kind and hospitable entertainment given it during its stay with them. May God's choicest blessings abide with them.

On motion the Clerk was allowed fifteen dollars for his services and be instructed to draw on the Treasurer for expense of having the minutes printed.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with Myers Chapel church, Winston county, on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1911.

E. S. CLARK, Moderator.

W. W. GRESHAM, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

E. S. Clark ..... Plattsburg, Route 2
J. T. Massey ..... Plattsburg, Route 2
C. C. Arnold ..... Dixon, Route 1
J. T. McGee ..... Center, Route 1
J. A. Tullos ..... Center, Route 1
C. C. White ..... Philadelphia, Route 5
V. M. Edwards ..... Philadelphia
N. T. Sikes ..... Edinburg, Route 2
I. J. Blocker ..... Edinburg, Route 2
W. W. Gresham ..... Edinburg, Route 2

LICENCIATES.

J. M. Fleming ..... Edinburg, Route 2
T. M. Rushing ..... Edinburg, Route 2
J. B. Jones ..... Plattsburg, Route 2
Henry Savell ..... Plattsburg, Route 2
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Memorial Page.

In Memory of

SISTER NANCY FORD
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SISTER AMANDA CLARK
SISTER ANNE WALKING (Ch'k)
BROTHER DAVIS HICKMAN

"Our Loss Is Heaven's Gain."

ABSTRACTS OF FAITH.—PREAMBLE.

We, the Churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith, and convinced of the utility of a combination of churches, and of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of unity among churches of the same faith, form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, to-wit:

1. We believe in one true God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only true rules of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him all his posterity, in consequence of which we inherit a fallen, a depraved nature, consequently the Scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of human nature, and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.

4. We believe that God has loved his people with an everlasting love, that he chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that he calleth them with a holy and effectual calling. And being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man—the man Christ Jesus—who, by the satisfaction He made to law and justice in becoming an offering for sin, hath by His most precious blood become the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth, that He has commanded it to be preached to every creature and has required all men to repent and obey.

7. We believe the Gospel is made effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and the sinner, in order to be saved, must be born again

8. We believe that good works are the fruit of faith and follow after justification and are evidences of a gracious state; and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment, that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful workers who have been baptized upon a professson of their faith and who have given themselves to the Lord and one another in brotherly covenant, to keep up a godly discipline, agreeable to the teachings of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and Lawgiver of His church; that the government is with the body, the church, and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are gospel ordinances appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until His second coming.

4. We believe that the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by ministers called of God, and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a presbytery of regular Baptist ministers.

5. We believe that immersion only is baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regular baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make public profession of faith, to submit to the ordinances of the Gospel, and give themselves as members to the visible church.

8. We believe it is the duty of every church to expel from her communion every member that is immoral in conduct or that holds doctrine contrary to the Scriptures.

OBJECTS AND POWERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

1. This Association acknowledges and maintains that each church is an independent body, and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs, and therefore this Association has no right or power to interfere, with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing her body; but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrines or tolerate immoral practices

2. The object of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among churches, to inquire into any difficulties between the churches and remove them if possible, to give the churches the best advice they can in difficult matters when solicited; and in general advance the interest of the Redeemer's Kingdom in any way they may deem practicable.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions of our country, we declare it to be the inalienable right of every Association, of every church or individual member of a church, to support them according to their own views of duty and the dictates of their own consciences. And this right shall never be called in question in this Association; and any motion whereby this right is called in question shall be instantly ruled out by the Moderator as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly corre-

spondence, when convenient, with other religious bodies of the same faith.

5. Ministers of the Gospel in good standing, though not delegates, may be invited to seats in the Association, but not have the privilege of voting.

6. The Association may appoint any person, or persons, by and with their consent, to contract any business they may deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they think proper.

8. This Association shall keep the record of their proceedings and have them printed when necessary.

9. The Association shall have a fund and appoint a treasurer to take charge of it.

10. The Association may form their own by-laws and regulate their own proceedings in such a manner as they may think expedient.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. This Association shall consist of delegates chosen by the churches to which they respectively belong and shall be styled the Pearl Valley Association.

2. Such delegates shall be members in good standing and no member under church censure shall be allowed a seat in the Association.

3. They shall produce letters certifying their appointment by their respective churches, stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased during the preceeding Associational year, with the total number in fellowship, and such other statistical matter as the Association may direct.

4. This Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority

of the members present by ballot or otherwise. Said officers shall fill their respective places, if present, at the succeeding Association, until a new election takes place and while in office, discharge the duties ordinarily incident to these offices.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Association they shall petition by letter and delegates. If orthodox and orderly, shall be received and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6. Every church shall be allowed two delegates until her number shall exceed one hundred, three until it shall exceed one hundred and fifty, then four and no more.

7. This Association shall neither answer or debate any question on Gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the meaning of the Articles of Faith of the Association.

8. Every motion made in order and seconded shall be reduced to writing if required by a member, and shall be considered by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the minutes unless ordered at the time.

10. If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11. Only one member shall speak at the same time who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflections on the Association or any member thereof, and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than once on the same subject until all who may desire to speak thereon

have enjoyed that privilege, and not then without leave of the Association.

13. The Moderator shall have privilege of speaking on any question to the body.

14. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be decided without debate.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any proposition. In case of a tie the Moderator shall give the casting vote.

16. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator subject to the approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no talking or whisperlng while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave from the body.

19. The names of delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over when necessary.

20. The Minutes shall be read and carefully corrected if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rises.

21. A motion for final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustments of the Minutes.

22. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

23. The rules of order shall be distinctly read by order of the Moderator, as soon as the Association convenes on the second day.

24. The foregoing articles shall be subject to alteration or amendment at any regular meeting of the Association, by a majority of the Association.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHUCHES AND COUNTY	CLERKS	POSTOFFICE	PASTORS
Remus, Leake	J. S. Clark	Edinburg, R 2	B. E. Phillips
Mars Hill, Leake	F. M. Goolsby	Edinburg	J. T. McGee
Mt. Pleasant, Leake	J. A. Riddell, Jr.	Center	S. C. Eastham
East County Line, Attala	J. A. Passon	Ethel, R 3	J. C. Aikins
Mineral Springs, Attala	T. P. Wilson	Rural Hill	J. C. Aikins
Pearl Valley, Neshoba	J. H. Salter	Plattsburg, R 2	P. J. Crews
Oak Grove, Neshoba	J. O. Thornton	Plattsburg, R 2	R. L. Breland
High Hill, Neshoba	C. C. Arnold	Dixon, R 1	F. M. Breland
New Black Jack, Neshoba	S. L. Griffin	Philadelphia, R 5	W. J. Bruner
New Mars Hill, Neshoba	H. J. Blount	Alice	I. J. Blocker
White Oak, Neshoba	L. O. McMurry	Edinburg, R 2	E. S. Clark
County Line, Neshoba	S. J. Coghlan	Edinburg, R 2	E. S. Clark
Myers Chapel, Winston	J. A. Tullos	Center, R 1	J. T. McGee
Canaan, Neshoba	Ed Willis	Edinburg, R 2	Tom Chitto

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	Time of Meeting	Increase: By Baptism	Increase: By Letter	Increase: By Restoration	decrease: Dis. by Letter	decrease: By Expulsion	decrease: By Death	No. of Males	No. of Females	Total Membership	Ordained Ministers	Licentiates	Sabbath Schools	SUPERINTENDENTS OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS
Remus	2	3	2	...	2	3	...	28	56	84	...	...	1	R. L. Gross
Mars Hill	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	28	48	2	...	...	
Mt. Pleasant	1	8	3	...	2	1	1	29	33	62	1	...	...	
East County Line	2	...	...	...	2	1	...	20	27	47	...	...	...	
Mineral Springs	4	...	...	4	3	...	1	35	38	73	...	...	...	
Pearl Valley	2	11	...	4	6	1	...	53	80	133	1	2	...	
Oak Grove	4	...	...	...	...	4	...	33	36	69	...	1	...	
High Hill	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	31	33	64	1	...	...	
New Black Jack	4	7	6	...	3	...	1	45	53	98	1	1	...	
New Mars Hill	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	11	20	31	...	...	...	
White Oak	3	6	...	5	...	2	...	21	30	51	1	...	1	J. L. Barrett
Myers Chapel	1	13	1	6	...	...	...	18	29	47	...	...	1	E. Pope
County Line	4	...	2	...	...	11	...	8	17	25	1	1	...	
Canaan, Ch'k	1	2	...	...	...	3	2	7	11	18	1	...	1	T. S. Chitto
Total		54	14	19	19	26	5	359	491	850	8	5	4	

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